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*From Homes Tours to Historic Tours and Fun for All--  
Fayetteville Celebrates a Perfect "Hometown Christmas" with a  
Country Christmas in Fayetteville Saturday, December 13*



*That magical time of the year is back in Fayetteville, Texas--For the 18th year, this historic community takes a few steps back in time by celebrating the Annual Country Christmas and Homes Tour, set for Saturday, December 13 from 10 am to 9 pm with a myriad of activities including arts, crafts, food, music, kids activities, train, bounce house, games, pet costume parade, homes tours --and that's just during the day! The evening includes more music, "A Night at the Museum" (thanks to the local youth), carriage rides, and a very special visit from Santa Claus. This is indeed a "hometown celebration" that showcases a town square on the National Registry of Historic Towns with over 400 structures to*

*proudly claim to this list--an incredible feat for any community. Many of these buildings are businesses to the spirited locals that continue to capture that preservation mode, so you have a chance to see some of these structures inside and out while shopping or eating with family and friends (old and new)!*

*Arts and crafts, food, and music will kick off the festivities from 10 am to 9 pm (with local shops/restaurants open with those specials as well), kids activities from 12-4 pm(including train rides, bounce house, and games), then the traditional Pet Costume Parade at 4 pm. Expect loads of smiles and surprises with this event as some of these owners get very creative in this endeavor! Entry forms for the Pet Costume Parade are available at Jerry's General Store or by request at the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. And, the real win-win is that the Pet Parade proceeds will benefit the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter in La Grange.*

*The Fayetteville Heritage Museum will be open from 11 am until 5 pm with self-guided courthouse tours for a glimpse of the past as well. If you have not toured this museum, you are in for a real treat. Music during the day will capture the mood thanks to DJ Jimmy Rohde and sets the mood for a truly joyous venue.*

*Fayetteville's Country Christmas Homes Tour (a definite not-to-miss array of beautifully preserved historical and unique structures) kicks off from 1-5 pm with sites featured including: Market Street Inn (pictured) on 111 East Market Street, Jo and Julia Mashburn Cabin on 1105 Kramr, Barbara Torres Home on 420 North Rusk, Betty Yoakum Home on 303 South Mechanic Street, and the James and Karen Jones Home on 109 West Bell Street. Tickets and maps are a nominal \$15.00 (\$20.00 on the day of the event) and are available Fayetteville Bank, Fayette Realty Inc., Jerry's General Store, Orsak's Café, and by request as well as on the day of the event on the Square (at the old Fire Station).*

*Competition heats up as the Christmas Decorating Contests winners are judged from 6 pm - 9 pm on Wednesday, December 10th and announced on the square at 5 pm on Saturday, December 13. The Christmas Decorating Contests include homes and businesses with entry forms available at Jerry's General Store or by request.*

*Hang around with the kiddos (and bring the cameras) as the large Christmas Tree on the Square will be illuminated at 5:30 pm with Santa*

*making his grand entrance to the square and to the Country Place Hotel immediately after (until 7:30 pm). To get "into the mood" of the evening's festivities, hitch a ride on the Amish wagon as it winds down the historical path of this delightful hometown community for a nominal \$5.00 from 6 pm - 9 pm. Expect loads of holiday cheer as Southbound 955 takes the stage from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. This very entertaining group has very generously offered to donate their paycheck and any tips to the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter. From 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, don't forget to slip into the museum and watch some very talented young adults in costume take center stage portraying persons of the area with the traditional "Night at the Museum".*

*Fayetteville businesses roll out the red carpet on hospitality as hometown cookin', a large array of drinks, and special shopping will be available as well as overnight lodging for those visitors that want to continue to enjoy that country Christmas atmosphere at its' best.*

*The Ross Gallery ARTS' Member Show will host their annual exhibition through December 31st at 114 N. Live Oak and may be reached at [info@artsforruraltexas.org](mailto:info@artsforruraltexas.org) or 979-378-2113. This exhibit focuses on the wonderful works of its members and offers each one the opportunity to exhibit their works in a public forum.*

*"The Small Show" presented at the Red & White Gallery on the Square at 102 West Main on Friday, December 12th from 4-8 pm and Saturday, December 13 from 10 am - 8 pm is a multiple artist show with affordable gifts, art & food items. Featured artists include Pat Johnson (works in clay), Corey Credeur (jewelry), Kathy Durst (small animal paintings), Kay McCaghren (home-made fudge & candies), Kiki Neumann (gift cards), Joan and Jerry Herring (books), Jim Bob Salazar (works in clay), Candice Salazar (vintage record clocks), Joyce Joe (works in clay), Pamela Benbenek (jewelry), and George and Kathy Valtasaros (specialty foods).*

*Orsak's Cafe (on the Square) will be serving complimentary hot chocolate, coffee, and baked goods. Jane's Joy and Serendipity (on 202 North Live Oak), will have a special Open House with irresistible baked goods, breakfast tacos, sandwiches, drinks, coffees, poinsettias, geraniums, Christmas decor, evergreen boughs, and loads of great gift ideas for all. Joe's Place (on the square) will feature Brooklyn Winter Ale, Alaskan White, Breckenridge Nitro Vanilla Porter, Deep Ellum Double Brown Stout, and Franziskaner Weissbeir along with 58 other beers on tap and*

*bottled. Featured wines will include: Caposaldo Moscato, Dona Paula Savignon Blanc, La Crema Chardonnay, Parducci Pinot Noir, Thorny Rose Red Blend, Thorny Rose Cabernet, along with 26 other wines to choose from. The annual candy/bake sale will be held at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall from 10 am – 1 pm. Many other venues and businesses will be opened for that special shopping experience.*

*“Once again the Christmas season in Fayetteville showcases our wonderful history and culture that has shaped this hometown community -- everyone has worked diligently to make this event possible. We are proud of our incredible preserved community and enjoy showcasing it every chance we get!” states Mayor Ronnie Pflughaupt. Fayetteville is located on Highway 159 a short distance from La Grange and zip code 78940 for GPS users. Information may be directed to [fayettevilletxchamber.org](http://fayettevilletxchamber.org) or by calling 979-378-4021. —“Great weekend getaway with dining, shopping, and lodging available for all.”*

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